(DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA.)

notice very poignantly and that matter is under consideration. We will see what we can do about that.

Sri K. PATTABHIRAMAN (Kolar).—The answer is not satisfactory.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I will be able to give a satisfactory answer a little bit later. I will only assure you that you have got more sympathy in this matter, but as you know, the matter will have to be considered in great details; pros and cons will have to be looked into. With these few words I request the Hon'ble members to support this Demand and pass the amount that we have asked for forest maintenance.

4 P.M.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is:

"That a sum not exceeding Rs. 42,36,800 be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March 1955, in respect of 'Forest'."

The motion was adopted.

DEMAND No. 5—REGISTRATION.

11. Registration.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is:

"That a sum not exceeding Rs. 5,51,000 be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March 1955, in respect of 'Registration'."

The motion was adopted.

DEMAND No. 13—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

25. General Admiaistration (F. District Administration.)

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved:

"That a sum not exceeding Rs. 41,40,900 be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March 1955, in respect of 'General Administration (F. District Administration)'."

Abolition of Sub-Division Offices.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Sir, I beg to move:

"That the demand under the head '25. General Administration (F. District Administration)' for Rs. 41,40,900 be reduced by Rs. 100 (in order to raise a discussion on the subject of abolishing Sub-Division Offices)."

In each district apart from the office of the Deputy Commissioner and the Taluk Office, there is one other office called Sub-Division Office. The work of these offices can be likened to the work of post office. All papers that are submitted to the Deputy Commissioner simply pass through these Sub-Division Offices. All orders issued from the office of the Deputy Commissioner pass through the Sub-Division Office to the Amildar. So why should we maintain this superfluous office? If any enquiry is to be done by the Deputy Commissioner he refers to the Sub-Division Officer for report. In fact the unit of administration is the Taluk. All records are built up in the Taluk Office. The Amildar comes into contact with the common man and he is posted up-to-date with all the developments in the Taluk. The Taluk is the administrative unit. Having an administrative unit with a Gazetted Officer as the Amildar, who has all the facilities to visit an area immediately a complaint comes up to him, I believe that a report submitted by him should naturally reach the Deputy Commissioner immediately for relief or orders. Sir, by submitting a reference to the Deputy Commissioner through the Sub-Division Officer, the natural thing that will happen is delay. And by the time the paper gets disposed of, it will be several months. That can be easily avoided.